

- My name is James Brady and I'm the owner of Con10U, an e-waste company right here in Sacramento.
- I'm in a green business, recycling electronic waste, but even green businesses can't stay in business if the cost of new regulations is too high. I'm particularly worried about cap and trade because it's clear there will be much higher energy prices and that businesses will be passing those prices on to their customers. That means I'll not only be paying more directly for utilities and gas. I'll also be paying more for things I use every day.
- I want AB 32 to succeed, but not by reducing my business' carbon footprint to zero because the costs have put me out of business.
- The Legislative Analyst has reported that unless other states adopt climate change laws as strict as California's our state will lose businesses, jobs and economic activity. This appears to be the path we are on, as this plan recognizes it is moving forward independently, not in sync with any other states' programs.
- I'm in a green business and I'm a green supporter. But I may turn out to be one of those businesses the Legislative Analyst was talking about. It's tough enough staying afloat in this down economy, I simply cannot absorb any higher energy costs, especially in the near to mid-term.

- Quite honestly, I have been seriously considering relocating to the South where I might have a better shot at actually making a living in a green business. If not e-waste like I'm doing here, then organic farming or recycling of compostable materials. One of the sad ironies of cap and trade and other AB 32 policies is that it will cost so much it will drive a lot of folks who want to engage in the green economy to other states.
- I haven't seen anything in this proposal that convinces me this will not be the case. Even with a phased-in approach to selling allowances, with the economy the way it is and with the recession predicted to continue for several years, I'm hoping you will direct your staff to do some more research into how the costs and benefits are likely to line up in real time, and to come up with a realistic plan on how to control those costs.
- Thank you.

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